

# COUNTY COURTS' INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES 2012-2014

Commission on Technology  
Analysis, Review and Approval  
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# 2012-2014 ITSP Development

- ▶ COT directed **change to frequency** of plan updates – 9 plans
- ▶ Continued **two-step planning approach**
- ▶ Collected **business drivers** first
- ▶ Collected updated **IT initiatives, projects, and inventories**
  - Focused on **project lifecycle and alignment** information
  - Inventory relied largely on ACAP **post-refresh** numbers
  - Updated some **statewide projects'** impact information
- ▶ Reviewing both **notable accomplishments and issues** discovered, and obtaining approval for each plan
- ▶ Will **communicate** COT decision/concerns to each presiding judge
- ▶ Switch focus to Branchwide Technology Strategic Plan
- ▶ **Approach for next year** will be 2 urban counties plus all rurals not included this year – 8 plans

# COT Review/Approval of Projects

- ▶ **Recognizing** in concept the local needs, initiatives and drivers for technology projects
- ▶ **Approving** projects that clearly conform to existing standards and directions and have sufficient detail
- ▶ Not approving, but **acknowledging**, general references to projects which are pending future additional information to be provided
- ▶ **Rejecting** specific projects that appear to run counter to adopted directions and priorities
- ▶ **Reminding** all courts that referencing a project in an IT plan does not constitute a project investment justification, request for service, or a project plan as required by COT's project methodology

# Court Technology Trends

- ▶ Desire to **digitize environment** – EDMS, e-citation, photo enforcement, online fillable forms, e-filing, paper destruction – continues to increase among LJ courts who participated
- ▶ Local **integration projects** on the rise, though most in concept stage, under motivation of eliminating re-keying by clerks
  - Counting on new CMS to empower data exchange
  - DPS photo radar demise changing focus to local law enforcement
- ▶ Pockets of fear exist around **new LJ CMS** training and conversion as well as around Probation being afforded access to necessary AJACS data
- ▶ **Out-of-support** operating systems, office productivity tools, and database management tools remain widespread **but are being addressed, slowly**
  - **Gaps will widen** as EA table gets updated next year

# Ageing Software Details\*

Product/Release	Mainstream Lost	All Support Lost	Replacement
Windows NT 4 s	12/31/2002	12/31/2004	Windows 2000 s
Windows 2000 s	6/30/2005	7/13/2010	Windows 2003 s
Windows 2003 s	7/13/2010	7/14/2015	Windows 2008 s
SQL Server 7	12/31/2005	1/11/2011	SQL 2000
SQL 2000 s	4/8/2008	4/9/2013	SQL 2005 s
SQL 2005 s	4/12/2011	4/12/2016	SQL 2008 s
Windows XP	4/14/2009	4/8/2014	Vista/Windows 7
Office 2000	6/30/2004	7/14/2009	Office 2003

\* Dates according to Microsoft product lifecycle support website

# Court Technology Trends (cont'd)

- ▶ Local server **consolidation / virtualization** efforts increasing as budgets remain tight
- ▶ Continued **contingency planning** and **continuity of operations** preparations
- ▶ Increased demand on local court technology resources; **project completion rate slows** over previous years
- ▶ Courts expanding **forms/online payments /services** on websites (generally pre-disposition traffic tickets)
  - **AOC working to create a standard solution that actually integrates with AZTEC and meets MAS**
  - **Updated MAS has business impact on local court activities**

# **ACJA 1-401 Requirements for Online Payment per AO 2010-118 eff 1/1/12**

- ▶ Court must provide a current copy of the MAS to each individual payment vendor (E.2)
- ▶ Court must issue sequential receipt to payer NLT next business day that includes
  - Court name, case number, defendant name, plaintiff name, date accepted, vendor name/address, ID of receiver at court, transaction number (4.d)
  - Online transaction date, online transaction number (8.c)
  - Must possess name and address of cardholder or audit trail to cardholder for disbursement purposes (8.c)



# COCHISE COUNTY COURTS

- ▶ Participating in OMEA; began e-mailing minute entries to local attorneys
- ▶ Taking countywide approach to EDMS for LJ courts
- ▶ Probation concerned for financial integration with AJACS
- ▶ Implemented pay & print intelligent forms in justice courts in preparation for full e-filing
- ▶ Implementing **payments via the Web** across entire county; product not integrated with AZTEC nor planned to be
- ▶ Various LJ courts' **financials in QuickBooks and Quicken**; data outside AZTEC will not be converted to LJ CMS
- ▶ Numerous products in **containment and retirement** categories with no plans to replace or update





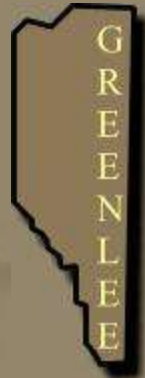
# GRAHAM COUNTY COURTS

- ▶ Implemented AJACS in superior court April 2010
- ▶ Published court-specific content and court calendar on new county website
- ▶ Established videoconferencing in two superior court courtrooms
- ▶ JP #1 pursuing standalone OnBase; other LJ courts interested in disconnected scanning
- ▶ Plan to digitize and archive closed records to free shelf space (superior court)
- ▶ LJ courts still using OMNIFORMS product – will be replaced by standard forms within LJ CMS



# GREENLEE COUNTY COURTS

- ▶ Implemented AJACS in superior court April 2010
- ▶ Struggling with lack of resident court reporters
- ▶ Pursuing integration with county justice partners
- ▶ Continuing to improve physical security in courthouses
- ▶ Addressing paper and audio file storage pressures; desire offsite access to court records
- ▶ Implemented conference call service to connect outside parties to the courtroom for certain proceedings
- ▶ Justice courts' **financials in Microsoft Money**; data outside AZTEC will not be converted to LJ CMS



# LA PAZ COUNTY COURTS

- ▶ Began electronic minute entries and expanded superior court web presence
- ▶ **Implemented electronic payment** of fines and fees for all courts
- ▶ Plan to increase participation in integration projects
- ▶ Desire EDMS in all LJ courts
- ▶ Standardized electronic forms covering the highest volume activities
- ▶ Concern for bandwidth at most remote courts when EDMS and e-Filing implement
- ▶ Still very little individual LJ court input to plan



# MARICOPA COUNTY COURTS

- ▶ Completed wide array of iCIS enhancements, including increased integration
- ▶ Initiated eFiling integration with AZTurboCourt and electronic transfer of records on appeal
- ▶ Focusing on internal and external information sharing, as well as electronic access to court and public records
- ▶ Expanding electronic courtroom technology, including web-based conferencing
- ▶ Various municipal courts now accepting **payments via the Web**; pursuing EDMS, e-Citation, photo enforcement projects



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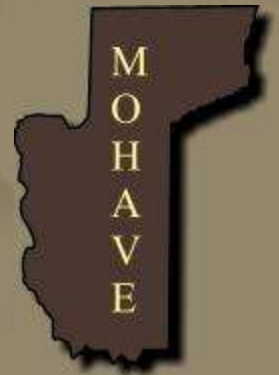
- ▶ Implemented Tempe CMS – processed over 100K new cases
- ▶ Expanded virtualization to reduce cost and address aging operating systems
- ▶ Wide range of **retirement items still in production** use, especially Windows 2000 server and old SQL versions; some plans to upgrade
- ▶ A prominent non-AZTEC muni court has **end-of-life, legacy CMS with no clear plan for replacement**
- ▶ Several LJ courts as well as COSC have **production data residing in MS-Access**
- ▶ Submitted consolidated IT strategic plan – a major effort!





# MOHAVE COUNTY COURTS

- ▶ Pursuing a superior court workflow solution, beginning with process mapping, in preparation for AJACS enhancements
- ▶ Expand EDMS and e-citation to limited jurisdiction courts and Probation
- ▶ Improve service levels of courts, making use of automated performance measures
- ▶ Converted historical microfilm documents to images stored in OnBase
- ▶ Placed over 750 converted PDF forms on expanded superior court self-help website; installed public access terminals
- ▶ Implemented an **e-payment system** for traffic fines in limited jurisdiction courts using county vendor – **MAS changes apply**
- ▶ Addressing architecture issues over time



# NAVAJO COUNTY COURTS

- ▶ Performed case cleanup, data conversion, and implemented new AJACS CMS
  - Working with AOC on regaining collections and reporting functionality lost in AJACS transition
- ▶ Acquired vendor and began performing credit/debit card processing for all courts – not online payment
- ▶ Performing electronic minute entry/distribution in AJACS
- ▶ Interested in disconnected scanning solution and e-filing, but not as pioneers
- ▶ Expanding videoconferencing to additional court events and into Juvenile Probation





# PIMA COUNTY COURTS

- ▶ Multiple courts participating in consolidated Pima data center
- ▶ Continued development of functional enhancements for AGAVE CMS
- ▶ Participating in statewide electronic filing project, starting with civil
- ▶ Developing portions of JOLTSaz and completing AGAVE integration
- ▶ Performed numerous website updates at various courts
- ▶ Tucson enabled installment payments on line, integrated with AZTEC
- ▶ Smaller courts focused on increasing collections, including accepting online payments -- **subject to MAS changes**
- ▶ **Numerous out-of-support DBMSs and O/Ss continue to present risk**
  - Superior court desktop refresh to Office 2007 completed
  - Virtualization efforts rapidly increasing
  - Other projects in place to replace end-of-life hardware and software
- ▶ Demand remains high for e-citation, EDMS, and fillable forms at LJ courts — some courts preparing for standardized forms



# YUMA COUNTY COURTS

- ▶ Enabled video arraignment in multiple courts
  - ▶ Web conferencing software untested by AOC – bandwidth impact unknown
- ▶ Implemented C2C program to transfer records on appeal
- ▶ Implemented court collections tracking and noticing software
- ▶ Updated clerk's webpages and transferred to county website
- ▶ **Numerous courts accepting online payments through 2 vendors**
- ▶ Yuma Muni now pursuing OnBase EDMS; other courts anxious to address shelf space issues and enable bench automation
- ▶ Pursuing business intelligence to provide on-demand drilldown into daily informatics
- ▶ Increasing data exchange and justice integration activities
- ▶ Numerous items in containment status but replacements underway

